

## **MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Wednesday, May 24, 2006                      9:00 a.m.                      Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Nofs, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:    Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, LaJoy, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Dillon, Accavitti, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente, Gillard. (19/19)**

Representative Proos made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of May 17, 2006, supported by Representative Dillon. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid HB 5895 before the Committee.

HB 5895    Hoogendyk                      Communications; cable; regulation of competitive cable service providers; provide for.

Representative Hoogendyk spoke to the Committee regarding the provisions of HB 5895.

The following individuals also spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5895:

Joe Fivas, representing the Michigan Municipal League (MML), in opposition  
Mayor Al McGeehan, representing the City of Holland, in opposition  
John Pestle, representing the MML and the Michigan Townships Association (MTA), in opposition  
Representative Tom Meyer of the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative District of Michigan  
Diane Katz, representing the Mackinac Center for Public Policy  
Lavonia Perryman-Fairfax, representing Consumers for Innovative Technology, in support  
Linda Teeter, representing Michigan Citizen Action, in support

Cards were submitted by the following individuals who wished to speak to the Committee regarding HB 5895 but were unable to do so due to time restraints:

Jim Murray, representing AT&T, in support  
Colleen McNamara, Rick Cimerman and Mike Ashton, representing The Michigan Cable Telecommunications Association, in opposition  
David Bertram, representing the Michigan Townships Association  
Scott Stevenson, representing the Telecommunications Association of Michigan  
Randall Thompson, representing Freedom Works, in support  
Lynn Meikle, representing the Charter Townships of Michigan, in opposition  
Randi Holthouse, representing Spring Arbor Township, in opposition

Harry S. Haasch, representing the Community Access Center, in opposition  
Dale Geminder, representing AccessVision (PEG Access), in opposition  
Helen Foster, representing the Conference of Western Wayne, in opposition  
James Boothby, representing St. Joseph Charter Township, in opposition  
Ron Beacom, representing the City of Midland/Midland Community Television, in opposition  
Mark Arminio, representing the Michigan Association of Broadcasters, in support

Cards for HB 5895 were submitted by the following individuals who did not wish to speak before the Committee:

Tim Ransberger, representing Charter Communications, in opposition  
Kurt Baringer, representing JTV, Inc., in support  
Jody Vanderveen, representing the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), in opposition (as introduced)  
Dave Vehslage, representing Verizon, in support of State Franchise Reform  
Jim Beelen, representing Allendale Township and the Michigan Association of Township Supervisors, in opposition  
Kenneth Cole, representing the City of Detroit, in opposition  
Chester Koop, Rose Township Supervisor, Oakland County, in opposition  
Ron Orlando, representing Comcast, in opposition

Chair Nofs indicated that continued discussion of HB 5895 would take place at a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nofs declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:03 a.m.

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Representative Mike Nofs, Chair

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